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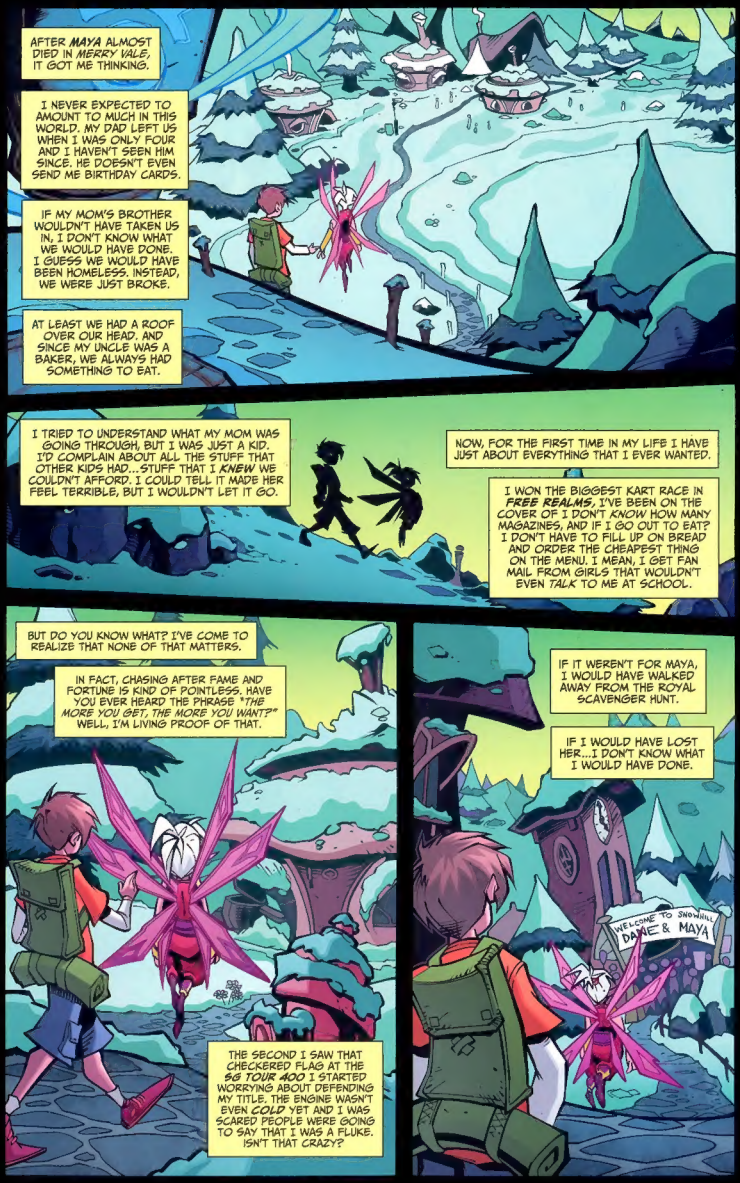
AFTER MAYA ALMOST DIED IN MERRY VALE, IT GOT ME THINKING.
I NEVER EXPECTED TO AMOUNT TO MUCH IN THIS WORLD. MY DAD LEFT US WHEN I WAS ONLY FOUR AND I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE. HE DOESN'T EVEN SEND ME BIRTHDAY CARDS.
IF MY MOM'S BROTHER WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN US IN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE WOULD HAVE DONE. I GUESS WE WOULD HAVE BEEN HOMELESS. INSTEAD, WE WERE JUST BROKE.
AT LEAST WE HAD A ROOF OVER OUR HEAD, AND SINCE MY UNCLE WAS A BAKER, WE ALWAYS HAD SOMETHING TO EAT.
I TRIED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT MY MOM WAS GOING THROUGH, BUT I WAS JUST A KID. I'D COMPLAIN ABOUT ALL THE STUFF THAT OTHER KIDS HAD...STUFF THAT I KNEW WE COULDN'T AFFORD. I COULD TELL IT MADE HER FEEL TERRIBLE, BUT I WOULDN'T LET IT GO.
NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I HAVE JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT I EVER WANTED.
I WON THE BIGGEST KART RACE IN FREE REALMS, I'VE BEEN ON THE COVER OF I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY MAGAZINES, AND IF I GO OUT TO EAT? I DON'T HAVE TO FILL UP ON BREAD AND ORDER THE CHEAPEST THING ON THE MENU. I MEAN, I GET FAN MAIL FROM GIRLS THAT WOULDN'T EVEN TALK TO ME AT SCHOOL.
BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT? I'VE COME TO REALIZE THAT NONE OF THAT MATTERS.
IN FACT, CHASING AFTER FAME AND FORTUNE IS KIND OF POINTLESS. HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE PHRASE "THE MORE YOU GET, THE MORE YOU WANT?" WELL, I'M LIVING PROOF OF THAT.
THE SECOND I SAW THAT CHECKERED FLAG AT THE 58 TOUR 400 I STARTED WORRYING ABOUT DEFENDING MY TITLE. THE ENGINE WASN'T EVEN COLD YET AND I WAS SCARED PEOPLE WERE GOING TO SAY THAT I WAS A FLUKE. ISN'T THAT CRAZY?
IF IT WEREN'T FOR MAYA, I WOULD HAVE WALKED AWAY FROM THE ROYAL SCAVENGER HUNT.
IF I WOULD HAVE LOST HER...I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE.
WELCOME TO SNOWHILL
DAVE & MAYA

BUT I KNOW THAT SHE'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN WINNING ANY TREASURE, THAT'S FOR SURE.
THROW DOWN!
WELCOME TO SNOWHILL
GREAT DANE
GO!! DANE GO!!
YOU GUYS ROCK
LOVE YOU DANE
MARRY ME DANE
DANES
ARE YOU SURE THAT YOU'RE READY FOR THIS?
WILL YOU STOP TREATING ME LIKE I'M ON MY DEATHBED? I'M FINE!
IT'S JUST THAT--
I SAID I'M FINE, SO DROP IT.
DANE FOR MAYOR!
DANE
CALL ME DANE!
WELCOME to SNOWHILL
DANE & MAYA
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I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND OUR LITTLE WELCOME, BUT IT'S NOT EVERY DAY WE HAVE SO MANY CELEBRITIES IN *SNOW HILL*. IT'S QUITE REMARKABLE, ACTUALLY.
NOW PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEP AND FOLLOW ME. THE MAYOR WOULD LIKE TO GREET YOU PROPERLY.
WELL, THANK YOU, SWEETHEART. WHAT IS IT?
ONLY THE MOST AMAZING GUMBALLS IN THE ENTIRE WORLD! THE PINK ONES ARE MY FAVORITE.
ARE THEY COTTON CANDY FLAVORED?
NOPE. SALMON.
GOOD PEOPLE OF SNOW HILL, WHEN I RECEIVED NEWS THAT *CHEF BORDON CLOO* HAD SELECTED OUR FAIR CITY FOR AN EPISODE OF HIS WORLD-FAMOUS COOKING SHOW, I WAS BESIDE MYSELF WITH DELIGHT.
NOW TWO CONTESTANTS FROM *QUEEN VALERIAN'S ROYAL SCAVENGER HUNT* HAVE GRACIOUSLY OFFERED TO PARTICIPATE AS CELEBRITY JUDGES DURING THE TAPING OF THE PROGRAM. ISN'T THAT *WONDERFUL?*
DANE
WE DID *WHAT?*
MAY I PRESENT KART RACING CHAMPION AND DARING ADVENTURER, ***DANE KENSINGTON, III...*** ALONG WITH HIS TRUSTED SIDEKICK, ***MAYA.***
SIDEKICK?
I DIDN'T TELL HER TO SAY THAT.
RIGHT. AND I SUPPOSE YOU DIDN'T VOLUNTEER US TO BE CELEBRITY JUDGES, EITHER.
I *SWEAR.*

LOOK, YOU HAVE AN ADMIRER.
WHAT ARE YOU *TALKING* ABOUT? I'M THE ONE WHO GOT THE SALMON-FLAVORED GUMBALLS.
I THINK I'M GOING TO THROW UP.
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, CHEF BORDON CLOO AND OUR VERY OWN *CHEF LUCCA DE'FLOR* HAVE FINISHED THEIR *BLANQUETTE DE VEAU*—AND IT SMELLS WONDERFUL. SO JUDGES, IF YOU'LL TAKE YOUR SEATS, WE'LL BEGIN.
WHAT IN THE HECK IS *BLANQUETTE DE VEAU?*
VEAL STEW.
AS IN A *BABY COW?* I CAN'T EAT THAT!
NOW LET ME *ASSURE* YOU THAT THIS IS A *BLIND CONTEST.*
THE JUDGES HAVE *NO* IDEA WHICH CHEF PREPARED THE STEW THAT THEY ARE ABOUT TO TASTE.
THAT WAS TRULY AMAZING. I HOPE WHOEVER MADE THIS WILL GIVE ME THE RECIPE.

IS SOMETHING WRONG?
NO, NOT AT ALL. IT'S... WELL, IT'S A VERY UNIQUE FLAVOR.
THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS! WHAT DO THESE TWO KNOW ABOUT THE CULINARY ARTS?
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DON'T KNOW MUCH. BUT DANE? HE CAN HOLD HIS OWN IN THE KITCHEN. IN FACT, HE'S A BIT OF A CELEBRITY CHEF BACK HOME IN *SANCTUARY*. PEOPLE COME FROM ALL OVER TO EAT HIS FOOD.
WHAT ARE YOU *TALKING* ABOUT? I WORKED IN A BAKERY.
DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO HIM--HE'S JUST BEING MODEST.
IS THAT SO? THEN I CHALLENGE YOU!
HE ACCEPTS.
I *WHAT?*
LOOK, YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE MAYA. SHE'S BEEN REALLY SICK AND SHE DOESN'T ALWAYS KNOW WHAT SHE'S SAYING.
I KNOW *EXACTLY* WHAT I'M SAYING. YOU'RE A BETTER CHEF THAN THIS TWO-BIT FRY COOK. HE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST YOU.
OH, BROTHER.

PICKING ME TO BE YOUR ASSISTANT WAS A DIRTY TRICK.
IF YOU HAD KEPT YOUR MOUTH SHUT, WE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS PREDICAMENT. WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?
De'FLOR IS THE MOST ANNOYING PIXIE I'VE EVER MET. I COULDN'T RESIST GETTING UNDER HIS SKIN.
BESIDES, YOU'VE WORKED IN THAT BAKERY FOR YEARS. I BET YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE HIM A RUN FOR HIS MONEY.
WORKING IN A BAKERY IS A LOT DIFFERENT THAN BEING AN EXECUTIVE CHEF IN A FIVE-STAR RESTAURANT, MAYA. I MEAN, I LIKE TO COOK AND EVERYTHING, BUT I DON'T KNOW...
THIS COMING FROM THE GUY WHO OOZES CONFIDENCE? GIVE ME A BREAK.
WE'RE LIVE IN THREE...
ON AIR
...TWO...
...ONE...
WELCOME TO THIS SPECIAL EDITION OF "THROW DOWN WITH CHEF BORDON CLOO."
WE'RE ON LOCATION IN SNOW HILL WHERE KART-RACING CHAMPION DANE KENSINGTON HAS ACCEPTED A THROW DOWN CHALLENGE FROM LOCAL CELEBRITY CHEF LUCCA De'FLOR.
OUR CONTESTANTS WILL DO THEIR BEST TO PREPARE A LOCAL FAVORITE, SIZZLING SNOWBERRY SAUTE.
AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE SUPPLIED THEM WITH ALL THE INGREDIENTS THEY'LL NEED... FRESH BEAR MEAT, BUTTER CHURNED THIS MORNING, AROMATIC RAINLEAF, AND A MOUNTAIN OF MOUTHWATERING SNOWBERRIES.
FLO

AND NOW IT'S TIME TO THROW DOWN!
I'VE NEVER EVEN EATEN SIZZLING SNOWBERRY SAUTÉ, AND NOW I'M SUPPOSED TO PREPARE IT WITH A BUNCH OF CAMERAS POINTING AT ME.
HOW HARD CAN IT BE? THERE ARE ONLY FOUR INGREDIENTS. JUST THROW THEM TOGETHER IN A POT, ADD SOME SEA SALT AND A LITTLE CRACKED PEPPERCORN, AND VOILA.
I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO BE QUITE THAT EASY.
LOOK, WHY DON'T YOU GET ME A CUP OF FLOUR AND SOME CORN MEAL IF THEY HAVE IT.
WE'RE GOING TO PAN-SEAR THE BEAR MEAT WITH A LIGHT CRUST.
POOF!
FLOUR
AMATEURS.
IT LOOKS LIKE DANE AND MAYA ARE TAKING AN...UNUSUAL APPROACH TO THIS LOCAL DELICACY.
WHILE DANE MELTS A HEAPING MOUND OF BUTTER IN HIS SKILLET, IT APPEARS THAT MAYA HAS DECIDED TO BATHE IN FLOUR.
REMEMBER FOLKS, WE'RE MAKING SIZZLING SNOWBERRY SAUTÉ, NOT ENCRUSTED PIXIE!

I'M GOING TO SKEWER THAT LOUD-MOUTHED BLOWHARD IF HE DOESN'T SHUT HIS TRAP.
RELAX. WE HAVE TO STAY FOCUSED OR WE'RE GOING RUN OUT OF TIME. JUST IGNORE EVERYONE OUT THERE AND CONCENTRATE ON THE TASK AT HAND.
flour

LUCCA DE'FLOR COULDN'T LOOK MORE AT HOME IN THIS KITCHEN. CHEF, THIS HAS TO BE ONE OF YOUR SPECIALTIES.
YES, I'VE MADE SIZZLING SNOWBERRY SAUTÉ ONCE OR TWICE BEFORE.
THE SECRET, OF COURSE, IS TO BOIL THE BERRIES UNTIL THEY HAVE A NICE RED COLOR. THEN YOU MUST RUN THEM UNDER COLD WATER IMMEDIATELY.

IF THEY OVERCOOK, EVEN FOR A FEW SECONDS, THE ENTIRE DISH IS RUINED.
MAYA, CAN YOU GET SOME WATER BOILING? WE NEED TO TEST SOME OF THOSE BERRIES TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T OVERCOOK THEM.

HOW DO YOU LIGHT THIS THING?
IT'S A GAS STOVE, SO YOU NEED A MATCH.

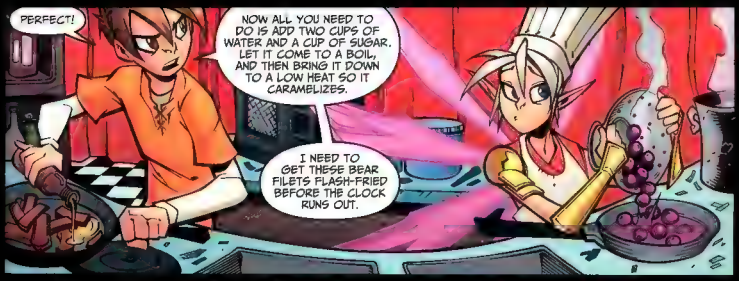
BUT MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE HEAT SET TO LOW.
WHOOOSH
NOW YOU TELL ME.

THINGS ARE GETTING INTERESTING AS TIME STARTS TO WIND DOWN.
WILL CHEF DE'FLOR CREATE HIS NEXT MASTERPIECE?
WILL MAYA BURN OUR KITCHEN DOWN?
STAY TUNED TO FIND OUT!
STAND BY FOR THE BREAK. WE'RE BACK IN THIRTY SECONDS.

IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN ROLLING OUT PASTRIES IN YOUR UNCLE'S BAKERY, ISN'T IT?
MAYBE A BIT. BUT I THINK WE'LL BE OKAY. MAYA JUST LIKES TO PUT ON A SHOW FOR THE AUDIENCE, THAT'S ALL.
SHE'S PUTTING ON A SHOW, ALL RIGHT.

NOW, WHEN WE COME BACK FROM THE BREAK, WE'LL ONLY HAVE FIVE MINUTES LEFT.
THANK YOU, CHEF.

HOW ARE THOSE SNOWBERRIES COMING?
JUST ABOUT DONE... I *THINK*.
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE. YOU BETTER PULL THEM OUT AND THROW THEM IN THE SKILLET.


PERFECT!
NOW ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ADD TWO CUPS OF WATER AND A CUP OF SUGAR. LET IT COME TO A BOIL, AND THEN BRING IT DOWN TO A LOW HEAT SO IT CARAMELIZES.
I NEED TO GET THESE BEAR FILETS FLASH-FRIED BEFORE THE CLOCK RUNS OUT.

OH, AND DON'T FORGET TO ADD A SPRIG OF THE RAINLEAF WHILE IT'S SIMMERING.

GREAT. DID HE SAY TWO CUPS OF SUGAR AND ONE CUP OF WATER? OR WAS IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND?

LET'S GO WITH THE SUGAR...
TWO MINUTES TO PLATE YOUR FOOD. AND DON'T FORGET--YOU'LL BE JUDGED IN PART ON YOUR PRESENTATION.

IT IS ALMOST TOO BEAUTIFUL TO EAT, NO?

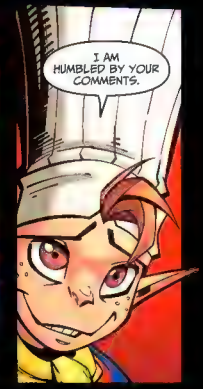
READY WITH THE SAUTÉ?
I SURE HOPE SO.

TIME IS UP!
AND I CANNOT WAIT TO SEE WHAT THESE TWO CULINARY WIZARDS HAVE CONJURED UP FOR US.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE NEW TO OUR SHOW, THE CONTESTANTS WILL BE JUDGED IN THREE IMPORTANT CATEGORIES--TASTE, PRESENTATION, AND CREATIVITY.
AND I CERTAINLY SAW SOME CREATIVE DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE KITCHEN TODAY. I'M NOT SURE HOW ALL OF MAYA'S FIREWORKS WILL TRANSLATE WHEN IT COMES TO TASTE, BUT WE'LL SOON FIND OUT.
BORDON CLOO
MAYOR CRYSTALLINE
BERT

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

CHEF DE'FLOR, YOU'RE UP FIRST. TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR DISH.
AS YOU KNOW, SIZZLING SNOWBERRY SAUTÉ IS A SPECIALTY OF MINE, BUT I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR YOU TODAY.
I ADDED JUST A HINT OF WORCESTERSHIRE AND A PINCH OF BROWN SUGAR TO THE SAUTÉ TO SPICE IT UP A BIT. I HOPE YOU ENJOY IT.
MAGNIFICENT AS USUAL, CHEF DE'FLOR.
YUMMY!
BERT


I AM HUMBLED BY YOUR COMMENTS.

I'D LIKE TO GET YOUR TAKE ON CHEF DE'FLOR'S DISH.
PLEASE, INDULGE ME.
I'M SURE IT'S WONDERFUL.
IT'S NOT BAD.
NOT BAD? THAT IS ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY? YOU INSULT ME!
PLEASE TELL ME THAT YOU GOT THAT ON TAPE
NO WORRIES, I DEFINITELY GOT IT
THIS HOT HEAD IS GOING TO BE GREAT FOR RATINGS.
NOW THIS IS AN INTERESTING TAKE ON A TRADITIONAL DISH. TELL ME ABOUT IT.
WELL...TO BE HONEST...
DANE DOESN'T LIKE TO TALK ABOUT HIS CULINARY MASTERPIECES. HE THINKS IT'S BAD FORM TO BRAG.
I SEE.
GORDON
MAYOR GRENVILLE
BERT
HE ALWAYS SAYS EACH BITE SHOULD BE A SURPRISE TO YOUR SENSES. AND I GUARANTEE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE SURPRISED BY THIS ONE. BON APPETIT.

WHY DON'T WE LET CHEF DE'FLOR EXPERIENCE THE FIRST SURPRISE, CHEF?
WELL?
ABSOLUTELY EXTRAORDINARY.
THIS DISH HAS PUT ME TO SHAME.
YOU WEREN'T KIDDING. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST MAGICAL DISHES THAT I'VE EVER TASTED. I NEED THE RECIPE!
SIMPLY DELIGHTFUL. I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU HAVE ENOUGH FOR A SECOND HELPING, DO YOU?
YUMMY!

PLEASE, TELL ME THAT ISN'T WHAT I THINK IT IS.
DISGUSTING. ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTING!
I THINK I'M GOING TO BE SICK.
I GUESS THAT MEANS THAT I'M DISQUALIFIED, DOESN'T IT?
I'M AFRAID SO!
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
YOU'LL HAVE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC.
DON'T PLAY STUPID WITH ME. DO YOU REALIZE THAT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO WATCH THIS? WHAT POSSESSED YOU TO PUT THAT COCKROACH IN HIS FOOD?
BECAUSE HE MIGHT BE A JERK, BUT HE NEEDED TO WIN A LOT MORE THAN I DID.

ONE MINUTE, PLEASE!
GREAT. NOW MR. LOUDMOUTH IS GOING TO RUB IT IN.
THANK YOU.
FOR WHAT?
ALLOWING ME TO KEEP MY DIGNITY. I OWE YOU A DEBT OF GRATITUDE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.
PLEASE. THERE MUST BE SOMETHING THAT I CAN DO TO REPAY YOU.
WELL, MAYBE THERE IS SOMETHING...
YOU'RE SURE THIS YETI HAS THE CHAOS STONE?
UMARI HAS AN IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION OF ROCKS. IF ANYONE IN SNOW HILL HAS THE STONE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, HE DOES. I'M JUST NOT SURE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MUCH LUCK GETTING IT FROM HIM.
WHAT IF WE TRADED HIM FOR IT?
I'M AFRAID THAT WON'T MATTER MUCH.
SOMETHING STRANGE HAS BEEN HAPPENING WITH THE YETIS. THEY ARE USUALLY A PEACEFUL LOT, BUT LATELY THEY'VE BEEN ON A RAMPAGE.
AND, TRUST ME, THE LAST THING YOU WANT TO DO IS GET IN THE WAY OF AN ENRAGED YETI.
BEWARE YETI
MAYBE I CAN HELP.
WHAT'S THAT?
EGGBERT GAVE ME AN INVISIBILITY POTION BACK IN BLACKSPORE SWAMP.
HE WHAT? WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT IT BEFORE?
I GUESS I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
NOW WHY DON'T YOU STOP WHINING AND TAKE A SWIG SO WE CAN GET THIS ROCK AND GET OUT OF HERE? I WANT TO SLEEP IN MY OWN BED TONIGHT.

YOU FIRST. I DON'T TRUST THAT CRACKPOT.
FINE.
WELL? DID IT WORK?
YEAH. IT ACTUALLY DID.
GOOD. NOW HURRY UP AND DRINK SOME.
GULP GULP GULP
HOW LONG IS THIS SUPPOSED TO LAST?
I DON'T KNOW. I DIDN'T ASK HIM.
PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE KIDDING.
FINE. IF IT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER, I'M KIDDING.
BUT I REALLY DON'T KNOW.

The Yeti Cave
WHICH ONE IS UMARI?
I DON'T SEE HIM. HE MUST BE DEEPER INSIDE THE CAVE.
THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER I WAS LOOKING FOR.
SO WHY ARE THE YETIS GOING CRAZY?
NOBODY HAS BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE IT OUT. OUR BEST GUESS IS THAT IT'S SOME KIND OF VIRUS. WE JUST HOPE IT WEARS OFF BEFORE THEY WANDER INTO TOWN AND TEAR EVERYTHING APART.
IT'S UNFORTUNATE, REALLY. THE YETIS WERE SOME OF MY BEST CUSTOMERS AT THE BISTRO.
WAIT A MINUTE... THAT'S *IT!*
WHAT'S IT?
THE JUICE THEY'RE DRINKING IS MADE WITH *FURY FRUIT*. ALL IT TAKES IS A DROP ON YOUR TONGUE, AND YOU'LL BE OVERCOME WITH ANGER. NO ***WONDER*** THE YETIS ARE ON A RAMPAGE.
AS YOU CAN SEE, THE EFFECTS CAN BE RATHER DEVASTATING--- WHICH EXPLAINS WHY IT'S HIGHLY ILLEGAL.

THERE'S A SIMPLE ENOUGH ANTIDOTE, AND I BET I CAN FIND THE INGREDIENTS IN THEIR KITCHEN.
GO FOR IT! IN THE MEANTIME, WE'LL TRY TO FIND UMARI. WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE?
YOU'LL KNOW HIM WHEN YOU SEE HIM.
NOW... WHERE DO THESE BEASTLY CREATURES KEEP THEIR VANILLA EXTRACT, NUTMEG, AND THE SARDINES?
UM... MAYA. I THINK THE POTION IS WEARING OFF.
YOU, TOO. WHAT ABOUT THE CHEF?
HE'S IN TROUBLE.
LUCCA! LOOK OUT!
ROARR!

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Written by newcomer Stuart C. Paul, IDES OF BLOOD takes the high concept of vampyres enslaved in Roman society and mixes in a healthy dose of mystery, action and politics familiar to the robe and sandals crowd. Penciler Christian Duce hails all the way from Uruguay to lend his lush pencils to the series and is a perfect fit for the title. The intrigue builds with every new page of this six-issue miniseries and I'm thrilled to bring both of these up-and-coming talents to WildStorm's audience.

Trading in fang-marks for gunshot wounds, KANE & LYNCH takes action in a different direction. Based on the best-selling videogame, Adam "Kane" Marcus and James Lynch are together again for another round of violence and mayhem just in time for the sequel. They'll have their work cut out for them too, when a huge contract brings every would-be assassin after them.

Fans of Ian Edginton's macabre spin on Sherlock Holmes in VICTORIAN UNDEAD can only imagine what he has planned for a pair of former Death Row inmates. Good thing artist Christopher Mitten is not only a big fan, but brings his own raw, expressive style to every scene with a fluidity and intensity that propels the action along. Cover artist Ben Templesmith wraps it all up with his hard-nosed covers.

Finally, catch THE AUTHORITY: THE LOST YEAR #12 to see how Grant Morrison and Keith Giffen uncover the dramatic conclusion to the team's long journey, including artwork by Jerry Ordway (INFINITE CRISIS) and Kevin Nowlan (SUPERMAN VS. ALIENS) working together for the first time ever!

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WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? THAT ANTIDOTE ISN'T READY!
WE'LL TRY TO BUY YOU SOME TIME.
I SURE HOPE YOU HAVE A PLAN.
I WAS ABOUT TO SAY THE SAME THING.
DO YOU STILL HAVE THOSE GUMBALLS?
YEAH. I HAVEN'T HAD THE HEART TO THROW THEM OUT.
GOOD. DUMP THEM ON THE FLOOR.
SERIOUSLY?
JUST DO IT!

BOOM
HUH?
WHOA!
CRASH
AND IT IS DONE!
SO HOW DO WE GET THEM TO TAKE IT?
WHO CAN RESIST A GOOD COOKIE?

SARDINE COOKIES?
SARDINES ARE A DELICACY TO YETIS.
THAT SHOULD JUST ABOUT DO IT.
MMMM! GOOD SHOW!
SIMPLY DELECTABLE, OLD CHAP.
QUITE!
UMM... HOW MANY OF THOSE COOKIES DO YOU HAVE LEFT?
JUST SOME BATTER ON THE SPOON. THE OTHER YETIS ATE THE REST.
AND ONCE AGAIN, THAT IS NOT THE ANSWER I WAS HOPING FOR.
To be continued!